

**REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action of July 8, 2004. In the Office Action the Examiner has rejected Claim 21 under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,686,902 to Reis et al.

Claims 41 and 42 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

Claims 1 through 20 have been allowed and Claims 22-40 have been objected to as dependant upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response to the rejection of Claim 21 under 35 USC §102(b), Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the substance of allowable Claim 22. Allowable Claim 23 has been amended to incorporate the substance of original independent Claim 21.

Claim 22 has been cancelled.

In response to the rejection of Claim 41, under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, those claims have been amended to remedy the matters identified by the Examiner. Applicant notes that reference to “the tracking system” at Claim 41, paragraph c and iv, is supported by recitation of a tracking system at paragraph b and ii.

Applicant has further amended the claims delete reference to “contemporaneously” and to further specify that the composite output signal is representative of tag identification and location. Such amendments are intended to provide further clarify the invention, and not to provide patentability, insofar as the amendments are entered in claims that have been indicated as allowed and allowable.

Applicant has further submitted a set of amended formal drawings for substitution. The amended formal drawings formalize certain informalities, e.g. numbering, in the prior drawings.

In view of the foregoing the application is believed to be in a condition for allowance. Should any outstanding matters remain the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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